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1. CHINA

SUN'S WU, IN HK. NOTES SOVIET MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCES WAS SENT ON PARTY, NOT STATE, LEVEL. CITES ONE WESTERN ANALYST THAT IT WAS DELIBERATELY DESIGNED SEPARATE MAO FROM REST OF LEADERSHIP, THAT CHINESE HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT REJECT IT -- OTHERWISE, WOULD MEAN REPUDIATING CHAIRMAN'S DECISION NOT HAVE ANY LINK WITH "REVISIONIST" PARTIES. ANALYST SURPRISED THAT SOVIET MOVE CAME SO SOON AFTER MAO'S DEATH; SAYS WOULD BE INTERESTING WATCH HOW CHINESE LEADERS REACTED IF SUCH SOVIET MOVE WERE MADE FEW MONTHS UNCLASSIFIED

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LATER.

BUTTERFIELD'S HK SOURCES SAW PEKING REJECTION OF SOVIET CONDOLENCES AS ONE OF CLEAREST INDICATIONS YET THAT PRC'S

ANTI-SOVIET FOPOLICY WILL REMAIN LARGELY UNCHANGED. AS TO SINO-US RELS, BUTTERFIELD REPORTS THAT IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH FOREIGNERS, CHINESE OFFICIALS HAVE BEGUN HINT THEY ARE DISAPPOINTED WITH US SLOWNESS IN CARRYING OUT SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE PLEDGES. BUTTERFIELD SEES DECISION LET SCHLESINGER VISIT CONTINUE REFLECTING PEKING EFFORT TO GIVE IMPRESSION OF BUSINESS AS USUAL.

2. INDOCHINA

UNSC AGREES POSTPONE DEBATE ON VN ADMISSION UNTIL AFTER US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION (AP SUN, PHINQ, GLOBE; UPI, NYDN) IN APPARENT EFFORT AVOID US VETO. FRANCE POSTPONEMENT WITH REPORTED CONCURRENCE VN. US OFFICIALS DENY AMERICANS ASKED PARIS ACTION. JIMMY CARTER SAYS AGREES WITH PRES FORD'S DECISION BLOCK VN MEMBERSHIP UNTIL MIAS ACCOUNTED FOR (AP SUN, PHQIN). SEN MANSFIELD DISAGREES, CALLS FOR NORMALIZATION RELS WITH VN/CAMBODIA, APPOINTMENT AMB TO LAOS, SAYING WOULD HELP UNCOVER MIA INFO (AP, PHINQ). FRANCE PRESSED DELAY BECAUSE FITS "LOGIC OF THE SITUATION." VN BELIEVED HOPE US WOULD NOT VETO APPLICATION AFTER ELECTIONS (WP SPEC).

TELTSCH (NYT) REPORTS POSTPONEMENT DECISION FOLLOWED HAK/GISCARD NEGOTS, WHEREUPON FRANCE OBTAINED VN AGREEMENT. NOTES POSTPONEMENT SPARES ADMIN FROM ANTAGONIZING VN SUPPORTERS BY USING VETO. ADDS HIGH DOS OFFICIALS DENIES HAK/DEPT INVOLVED IN DEAL OVER POSTPONEMENT. SAYS HANOI'S WILLINGNESS NOT NOW PRESS MEMBERSHIP QUESTION SEEN BY SOME AS REASONABLE/COOPERATIV POLICY, WHILE US VETO THREAT CONSIDERED BY MANY DELEGATES AS FOPOLICY BLUNDER CERTAIN BE EXPLOITED BY US' CRITICS, THO POPULAR WITH SOME AMERICAN VOTERS.

RED CROSS BRINGS 215 FOREIGNERS OUT OF VN ON LAST AIRLIFT FLIGHT. ICRC SAYS NO MORE FLIGHTS WILL BE MADE; HO CHI MINH CITY OFFICE CLOSING, BUT HANOI OFFICE WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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REMAIN OPEN (REUTER, NYT).

3. JAPAN/INDOCHINA

JAPAN/VN AGREE ON 16.7-MILLION-DOL AID PACKAGE TO BUILD CEMENT FACTORY (AP, NYT; JOC). JAPANESE SAY BEFORE CAN EXTEND ANY NEW AID, MUST BE NEGOTS ON REPAYMENT PAST LOANS TOTALING 55.9 MILLION DOLS THAT WERE EXTENDED TO SVN. OVER PAST FEW MOS, HAS BEEN RUSH OF JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN TO VN IN HOPES PLAYING KEY ROLES IN RECONSTRUCTION (JOC).

4. JAPAN

USSR ACCUSES JAPAN OF "AGGRAVATING" RELS IN REFUSING RETURN MIG-25/PILOT; SAYS US ACTED IN "INSTIGATORY" MANNER BY GIVING PILOT ASYLUM (AP, SUN). SOVIETS IMPLY US/GOJ COMPELLED BELENKO SEEK ASYLUM AFTER HE MADE EMERGENCY LANDING; BERATE US/JAPANESE ROLES IN INCIDENT; ADD GOJ VIOLATED CONSULAR TREATY BY REFUSING GIVE RUSSIAN OFFICIALS ACCESS TO PILOT UNTIL AFTER 4 DAYS, WHEN MEETING SHOWED PILOT UNDER INFLUENCE DRUG (PHINQ; CHITRIB; NYT SPEC). TASS ACCUSES US SECRET AGENCIES OF HELPING ARRANGE ASYLUM, SAYS GOJ/US COLLUDED IN PREVENTING BELENKO RETURNING USSR. INCIDENT AWKWARD FOR USSR, SINCE COMES AT TIME WHEN MOSCOW WOOING JAPAN IN HOPES ECON DEVELOPMENT SIBERIA. ANOTHER TASS ARTICLE CRITICIZES FONMIN MIYAZAWA FOR MAKING INSPECTION TRIP LAST WKEND NEAR DISPUTED KURILE ISLANDS (NYT SPEC). SOVIETS SCOLD US OVER MIG, IMPLY TOKYO ACTED ON OUTSIDE PROMPTING TO "PLEASE EXTERNAL FORCES." ADDS USSR ALSO KNOCKED MIYAZAWA FOR "UNPRECEDENTED TRIP" TO INSPECT ISLANDS (OSNOS, WP).

JAPAN'S AIR DEFENSE TO BE REVIEWED FOLLOWING MIG ENTRY (CSM).

CABINET RESIGNS TO ENABLE MIKI RESHUFFLE GOVT (WP). TOP LDP LEADERS ALSO QUIT. PM WILL ANNOUNCE NEW LINEUP OF CABINET MINISTERS/PARTY EXECUTIVES WEDNESDAY. LARGELY COSMETIC RESHUFFLE SEEN AS ATTEMPT "CLEANSE" SCANDAL-RIDDEN PARTY BEFORE ELECTIONS; TOO EARLY TELL WHETHER UNCLASSIFIED

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MIKI WILL EMERGE FROM RESHUFFLE STRONGER/WEAKER THAN BEFORE LDP VICE PRES SHIINA REPORTEDLY REFUSED RESIGN (SEIDEN, SUN).

TYPHOON FRAN WORST TO HIT JAPAN IN 15 YRS (AP, NYDN); LEAVES 133 DEAD (WP), PROPERTY DAMAGE OVER 600 MILLION DOLS (AP, NYDN).

JAPAN REPORTS 63-MILLION-DOL TRADE DEFICIT AUG, BUT CONTINUES RUN BIG SURPLUSES WITH US, EEC (REUTER, WP). EXPORTS TO PRC REGISTERED BIG DROP AUG FOR 4TH CONSECUTIVE MO; ATTRIBUTED TO PRC POL SITUATION, EARTHQUAKES (UPI, JOC).

NIPPON STEEL WILL BUY SMALL INTEREST IN AUSTRALIA'S MOUNT ENID IRON CO TO PARTICIPATE IN DEVELOPMENT ROBE RIVER IRON ORE DEPOSIT (WSJ). CANADA'S W COAST LUMBERMEN WOO JAPAN, GAIN CHANGES IN JAPANESE BUILDING CODES, TRAIN JAPANESE WOODWORKERS IN WESTERN CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES (SHAW, CSM). GOJ WARNS 6 INTL AIRLINES AGAINST CONTINUE HEAVY DISCOUNTING TRANSPAC FARES. NAMED ARE JAL, PANAM, CATHAY PAC, AIR SIAM, KAL, NWA (WSJ).

5. KOREA

WP, WSTAR CONTINUE CARRYING FULL-PG ADS FOR SEPT 18 "GOD BLESS AMERICA FESTIVAL" AT WASHINGTON MONUMENT THAT WILL FEATURE REV SUN MYUNG MOON, FIREWORKS, OTHER ENTERTAINMENT. JOHNSON (WP) REPORTS UNIFICATION CHURCH COMPLAINS TO POLICE OF "POSSIBLE CONFRONTATION" IF ANTI-MOON PROTESTERS ALLOWED HOLD COUNTERDEMONSTRATION NEAR RALLY; 4 GROUPS, INCLUDING YIPPIES, PLAN COUNTER-DEMONSTRATE. MEYER (WP) REPORTS 30-MEMBER MOON FOLLOWERS WHO RUN CANDLE FACTORY IN DC AREA DEFECT, SINCE FEEL SPIRITUALLY/FINANCIALLY IGNORED BY CAUSE; FACTORY OPN NETTED UNIFICATION CHURCH NEARLY 2 MILLION DOLS.

6. PHILIPPINES

HOPE FADES FOR RESCUE 6 US, JAPANESE, FRG DIPLOMATS/ OFFICIALS, 2 CREWMEN WHOSE LIGHT PLANE DISAPPEARED UNCLASSIFIED

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IN STORM MON (WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

7. INDOCHINA

BRADSHAW (WSTAR 9/14) SEES US-VN THAW THAT STARTED LAST SPRING COMING TO ACrimonious HALT OVER HANOI ADOSSION UN. MORITZ (CSM) BELIEVES FORD VETO DECISION WILL GUARANTEE NO RECONCILIATION UNTIL AFTER NOV; PRODUCE CONFRONTATION WITH 3RD WORLD AT UN; ENCOURAGE US ANTI-COMMUNIST ALLIES, SUCH AS SK, TAIWAN, THAT SEE CLOSER US TIES WITH PRC/VN AS THREAT TO SELVES; OPEN WAY FOR VN ANTI-US CAMPAIGN; MAINTAIN DIVERGENT APPROACH BETWEEN US, SOME ASEAN COUNTRIES. TREWHITT (SUN) SEES UNSC HONORING PRE-ELECTION PARALYSIS IN US FOREIGN POLICY BY KEEPING VN WAITING ON DOORSTEP.

NYT CALLS UNSC DECISION TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF VN'S ENTRY "LEAST UNSATISFACTORY WAY OUT OF AN -NFORTUNATE DILEMMA." WILL PERMIT ADMIN ADDITIONAL TIME CONSIDER WISDOM OF TYING MIA TO ENTRY ISSUE. WILL ALSO AFFORD US CHANCE RESPOND TO AUG. 27 VN NOTE. UNCONSCIONABLE FOR VN CONTINUE REFUSE MIA INFO, BUT SERVES NO PURPOSE REFUSE CONTACT WITH VN UNTIL ACCOUNTING COMPLETE. NEGOTIATIONS MOST PRACTICAL ROUTE FOR OBTAINING WHATEVER MIA INFO HANOI HAS AND ENTRY TO UN MIGHT HELP.

WP CALLS ADMIN POLICY ON VN AND UN "RIGID, DECEPTIVE AND HARMFUL TO US INTERESTS IN THE EXTREME." SAYS

ADMIN COULD HAVE NURSED ALONG NEGOTIATIONS AND INVESTIGATED POSSIBILITY OF INTERNATIONAL AID TO VN IF DIRECT AID UNPALATABLE. SAYS ADMIN HAS BEEN REACTING TO REAGAN ATTACKS AND AVOIDING NEGOTIATIONS WHICH CAN PROVIDE INFO WE DESIRE. FORD BEARS PARTIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HANOI'S HARD LINE.

PHINQ SAYS VETO DECISION "CONTRARY TO US INTERESTS." PRESENT US POLICY WILL TIE VN MORE CLOSELY TO MOSCOW. US RECORD IN VN ALSO FAR SHORT OF ADEQUATE DISPLAY
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HUMANITARIANISM.

NYDN SAYS UNSC MOVE TO POSTPONE APPARENTLY BELIEF BY UN THAT OUR VETO SOLELY POLITICAL GESTURE. THIS AN INSULT, SINCE OUR OPPOSITION TO ENTRY BASED ON VN REFUSAL SUPPLY INFO. UNTIL THAT FORTHCOMING, WE HAVE RIGHT BAR THEM FROM UN.

8. THAILAND

MATHEWS (WSJ) DESCRIBES PRIVATE/NONPROFIT FAMILY-PLANNING ORGANIZATION RUN BY SUPER-SALESMAN. MENTIONS RECENT THAI CONCERN WITH POPULATION QUESTIONS. SEES SOME PROGRESS IN BIRTH-CONTROL PROGRAM.

9. JAPAN

BERRY (WP) REPORTS GOJ IN RECENT YRS CARRIED OUT PROPAGAND CAMPAIGN THRU FRONT GROUP, AIMED AT US POLITICIANS, PRESS, INTELLECTUALS, BUSINESSMEN, FARMERS, CHILDREN. LOBBYING HEADED BY US-JAPAN TRADE COUNCIL, BEING SUED BY DOJ FOR VIOLATION FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT. REVIEWS CASE, SAYS FILINGS PROVIDE RARE LOOK AT HOW SO-CALLED FOREIGN AGENTS ATTEMPT MOLD US OPINION. STATES FILINGS SHOW JAPAN ESPECIALLY EAGER OFFSET NEGATIVE EFFECT HUGE US TRADE DEFICIT CREATED BY JAPANESE GOODS IN US MARKET.

10. CHINA

IN HK, SUN'S ISAACS CONTENTS PRC'S SUCCESSION CRISIS LIKELY CONTINUE LONG AFTER MAO'S DEATH. SINCE THIS EVENT LEFT NO INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP IN DOMINANT POSITION, SAYS MOST CHINA-WATCHERS BELIEVE THERE WILL BE LONG INTERVAL OF CONSENSUS-BUILDING BEFORE NEW LEADERSHIP FORMALLY ESTABLISHED.

TERHOST (CHITRIB) FEELS THAT EXCERPT FOR STALIN, NO FOREIGNER HAS HAD MORE IMPACT ON POLITICS/POLICIES OF US PRESIDENCY IN LAST HALF-CENTURY THAN MAO. SAYS

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SURELY RECKON WITH MAOISM--IMPACT OF CHAIRMAN'S POLICIES/
POLITICS -- DURING NEXT FOUR YEARS.

RUSHER (PHINQ) OBSERVES THAT MAO'S LIFELONG HERO WAS
STALIN; IN RECENT YEARS, HIS CLOSEST APPROACH TO US
CRONY WAS NIXON. SAYS IF TRUE THAT ONE CAN KNOW MAN
BY HIS FRIENDS, LEAST THAT CAN BE SAID ABOUT CHAIRMAN
IS THAT HE HAD POOR TASTE. LISTS MAO WITH HITLER,
STALIN AS THREE MOST MONSTROUS TYRANTS OF OUR TIME.
SIMILARLY, WSJ'S ROYSTER CONTENDS NUMBERS SLAIN BY
STALIN PALE BY WHAT HAPPENED IN CHINA UNDER MAO. FEELS
THAT ALONG WITH EULOGIES FOR PRODIGIOUS MAN, WORTH
REMEMBERING ALSO THIS ASPECT OF HIS LIFE.

BUT IN SECOND OF ARTICLES ON MAO'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS,
JOC'S STRAUSS (HK) SAYS CHAIRMAN TURNED MARX-LENIN
STYLE COMMUNIST PLANNING ON ITS HEAD, BOLSTERED
AGRICULTURE BECAUSE HE KNEW PRC'S FLEDGING HEAVY INDUSTRY
WAS LONG WAY FROM SUPPORTING NATION AND WAS UNWILLING
INDULGE IN STALIN-LIKE TERROR TACTICS.

CHITRIB'S STARR LAMENTS THAT US HANDS ARE TIED BY
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AT TIME IT MOST NEEDS FLEXIBLE
CHINA POLICY.

CDN'S BEECH NOTES REPORTS THAT PATTERN OF GROWING
LAWLESSNESS, EROSION COMMUNIST AUTHORITY, IS BECOMING
VISIBLE IN PRC (BALT NA 9/14).

CDN'S BEECH (HK 9/14), SAYS UNLESS ALL SIGNS WRONG,
MAO'S PASSING WAS SIGNATURE ON CHIANG CHING'S DEATH
WARRANT, AND COULD ALSO SPELL END OF LEFT-WING RADICAL
MOVEMENT SHE REPRESENTED. WHILE MAO AROUND, NO ONE
DARED TOUCH HER; BUT NOW, HER FUTURE UNCERTAIN. SAYS
POLITICAL OBLIVION MAY BE KINDEST THING TO HER. HABIB

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